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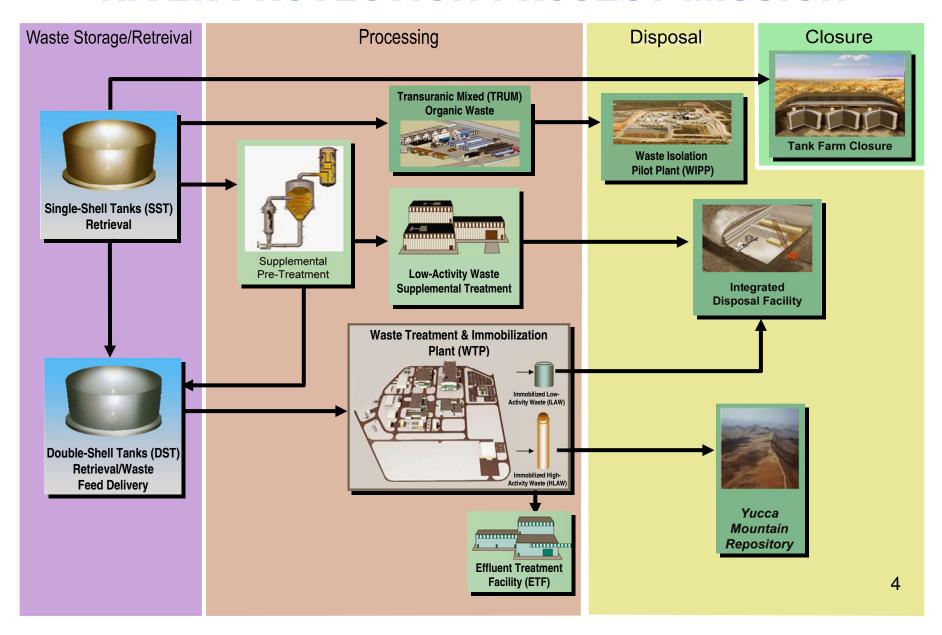


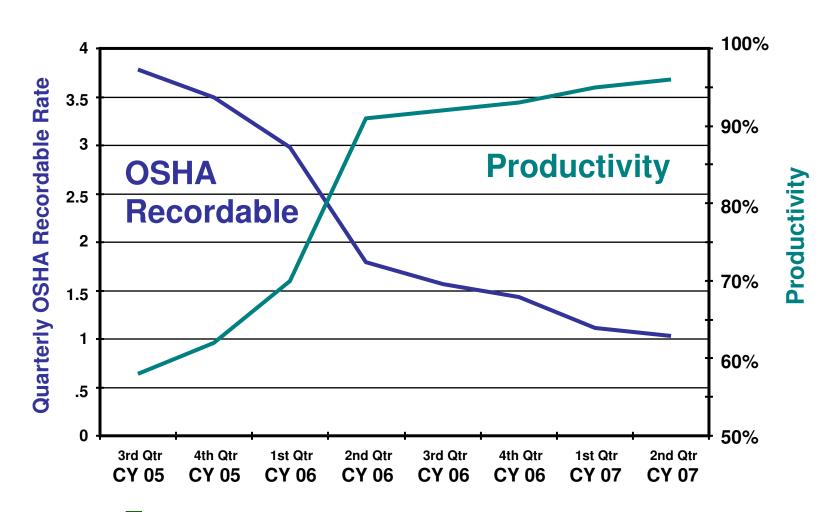






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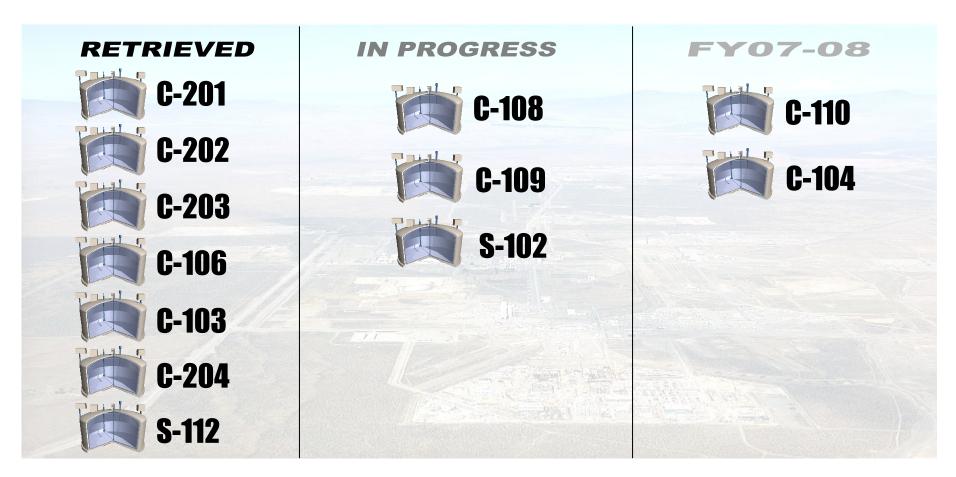






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#### Tank Waste Retrieval Progress



• Before culture change focus, only one tank retrieved.



## Hanford Tank Farms

CH2M HILL's Super Box was used to ship long-length contaminated equipment to a treatment facility in Richland.



Workers retrieve cameras used in tank C-108 retrieval. Tank C-108 is the ninth Hanford singleshell tank to be in retrieval or completed.



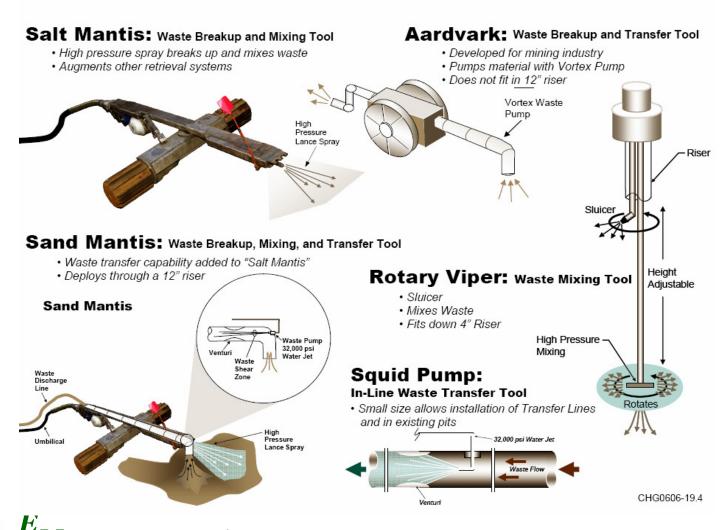
Workers deploy the off-riser sampler system in single-shell tank C-103. Its mission is to obtain waste samples that were previously inaccessible to conventional techniques.



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#### Innovative Tank Waste Retrieval Technologies





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#### Innovative Tank Waste Retrieval Technologies

- Technologies based on waste characteristics and each tank's physical condition
- Demonstrating achievability of 99% waste retrieval
- Working with State of Washington and Nuclear Regulatory Commission on retrieval effectiveness

Managing available Double-Shell tank space









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## Managing Tank Space



- Increased evaporator campaigns
- Waste Transfers
  - Gain efficient tank operations











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#### Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant



Structural steel was delivered to the Analytical Laboratory at the Construction Site in late November. Erecting structural steel is a significant milestone in the construction of the full-service laboratory.

A field engineer inspects an expansion joint installed within the Chiller Compressor Plant.



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#### Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant

2006

## **Evaluating and Validating**

2007

Implementing change and building momentum

2008

Sustaining progress and restoring confidence



## Supplemental Technology

#### Demonstration Bulk Vitrification System

- Full-Scale Mixer/Dryer Test
- 38D Full-Scale Test
- DBVS Facility Changes
- Critical Decision 2 for DOE





#### 222-S Laboratory

- Purpose
  - Provides process control and characterization
     analyses of intermediate-to-high-level radioactive samples
- Services
  - The laboratory provides a full range of inorganic, organic, and radiochemical analyses, plus development of analytical and process technology
- Performs more than 175 analytical methods
- Ensures capabilities to analyze samples from Hanford's underground waste tanks.
- Supports retrieval, feed preparation, and waste treatment
- Supports other Hanford contractors and projects







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#### Office of River Protection Priorities

- Work Safely
- Demonstration Bulk Vitrification System
- Continue Tank Retrievals
- Resume full construction of the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant
- Continue Vadose Zone Characterization
- Complete the Draft Tank Closure and Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement
- Strengthen Project Management and continue to staff up the Office of River Protection organization